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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR VERIZON PETITION FOR PRICING FLEXIBILITY FOR SPECIAL ACCESS AND DEDICATED TRANSPORT SERVICES

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COMMENTS: December 30, 2002

REPLY COMMENTS: January 10, 2003

On December 13, 2002, the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon)¹ filed a petition for pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services in designated geographic areas pursuant to sections 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774 and 69.701 *et seq.* Comments and oppositions may be filed no later than December 30, 2002, 15 days after the petition was filed. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(c). Interested parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically through the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS), although they are not required to do so. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(i). The ETFS provides instructions for filing both public and confidential versions of comments, and, if interested parties require additional assistance, they may call the ETFS Information Line at (202) 418-7700. Parties electing to file comments through a method other than ETFS must file such comments in accordance with section 1.774(e)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(2)(ii). In addition, Verizon may file a reply no later than January 10, 2003, 10 days after comments are filed. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(d). Any such reply must be filed through ETFS. 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(e)(3). For additional information about the filing and service of comments and replies, see sections 1.774(c)-(e) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774(c)-(e).

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

¹ The Verizon Telephone Companies are the local exchange carriers associated with Verizon Communications, Inc.

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